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MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

The congregation of the Memorial Church of St. Paul was organized as a mission in 1904. The congregation grew rapidly and in 1911, became a parish. The church building, erected in 1907, is a large brick gothic structure of approximately 525 sittings. Included in the building is a chapel with a seating capacity of 75. The building is in fair condition, with a number of improvements needed. Insurance coverage is approximately 82.1% of the estimated replacement value of the building. Attached to the church is a large two-story brick parish house, built in 1911. The Church Self-Study Form indicates that needed improvements would cost almost $80,000.00. Insurance coverage of $132,400.00 is 79.8% of the replacement value of $166,000.00. Also included in the church properties is a rectory, a semi-detached brick structure of eight rooms and bath. The building is in good condition, and insurance amounts to 69.2% of the replacement value.

Referral may be made to Pages K-4 through K-6 of the Church Self-Study Form for a more detailed history of the congregation and a description of the church properties.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The Memorial Church of St. Paul serves the South Philadelphia area. The immediate neighborhood of the church consists of row houses and apartment dwellings. The Philadelphia Naval Base and the Defense Clothing and Supply Center are located on the boundaries of the parish. During the past few years the area has been experiencing shifts in population.

For the purposes of this Study, an arbitrary parish area has been assigned to St. Paul's Church. In conformity with United States Census Bureau Divisions, this area comprises Census Tracts 26C, D, E, and F, 39D, E and G, and 48A, C, and D.

The Memorial Church of St. Paul is located in Census Tract 26E. The 1960 population of this arbitrarily assigned parish area was 77,726 persons.

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No statistics were available on the population of Census Tract 26E in 1950. Of the 17,403 persons residing in the census tract in 1960, children 14 years of age and under made up 23.2%, adults 65 years of age and over comprised 10.0%, and non-whites constituted 0.1%. Additional information is available from the following chart. Note that Census Tract 26F had the highest percentage of children 14 years of age and under, and that the non-white population was concentrated in Census Tract 26D. Note also that the median family income was highest in Census Tract 48C, followed by 48D.

CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION 1950	1960	% Change	% 14 & Under	% 65 & Over	% Non-White
PH-26E	NA	17,403	----	23.2	10.0	0.1
26C	9,070	7,641	-15.8	17.6	11.9	10.1
26D	13,621	11,311	-17.0	23.4	12.3	24.0
26F	NA	330	----	31.8	4.2	3.6
39D	17,107	14,372	-16.0	24.1	10.1	0.3
39E	NA	4,293	----	25.3	8.1	0.1
39G	NA	721	----	28.6	4.2	----
48A	NA	13,961	----	24.8	10.3	0.1
48C	NA	5,561	----	24.7	9.1	0.1
48D	NA	2,133	----	18.9	3.7	0.3
Totals:		77,726				4.6

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CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POP. 1950	1960	% Change	Residence 1960 Same As 1955 Percent	P. Ricans 1960	Med. Family Income
PH-26E	NA	26	---	71.7	4	$5,939.
26C	508	774	52.4	69.7	8	5,692.
26D	2,044	2,717	32.9	68.6	8	5,509.
26F	NA	12	---	40.6	0	NA
39D	37	36	-2.7	73.3	4	5,807.
39E	NA	6	---	77.3	11	6,131.
39G	NA	0	---	72.2	0	NA
48A	NA	19	---	77.4	8	5,780.
48C	NA	8	---	70.9	0	6,863.
48D	NA	6	---	2.1	6	6,732
Totals:		3,604			49	

Information is also available on the educational characteristics of adults 25 years of age and over residing in the parish area. Of the 1960 population of Census Tract 26E, 18.2% comprised high school graduates, 2.6% had received from one to three years of college training, and 3.1% consisted of college graduates. The median educational level was 8.9 years. The median age for males was 33.8 years and the median age for females was 35.6 years. The following chart offers additional information. Note that Census Tract 26F had the highest percentage of college trained individuals. The median age for males was highest in Census Tract 39E. For women, the median age was highest in Census Tract 26C.

CENSUS TRACT	EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER % H.S. Grad.	% College 1-3 Yrs.	% College Grad.	Median Edc.	Median Age M.	F.
PH-26E	18.2	2.6	3.1	8.9	33.8	35.6
26C	14.3	2.4	2.6	8.6	33.3	38.8
26D	13.9	2.8	1.8	8.6	35.1	36.5
26F	23.6	11.2	11.2	NA	26.4	30.0
39D	15.4	1.9	1.7	8.5	33.9	34.4
39E	17.4	3.1	1.8	9.2	35.2	35.9
39G	25.2	4.5	2.9	10.3	33.3	33.2
48A	18.0	2.2	1.8	8.8	33.7	35.6
48C	22.3	6.2	5.8	10.1	33.4	37.0
48D	28.1	6.3	3.4	10.6	23.5	26.8

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As previously stated, the population of this arbitrarily assigned parish area was 77,726 persons in 1960. As a result of this Study, a total of 910 Episcopalians were located in this area, and they represent 1.2% of the 1960 population. Of these Episcopalians, 272, or 29.9%, were directly associated with the Memorial Church of St. Paul. These individuals constitute 67.7% of the total mapped membership. The largest grouping of Episcopalians was in Census Tract 26E, followed by 48A, and 39D. Membership in this congregation was highest in Census Tract 26E. The following chart offers additional information. It will be observed that of the 101 Episcopalians residing in Census Tract 26D, only one was associated with St. Paul's Church.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
PH-26E	17,403	209	1.2	119	56.9	29.6
26C	7,641	61	0.8	5	8.2	1.2
26D	11,311	101	0.9	1	1.0	0.3
26F	330	91	27.6	7	7.7	1.8
39D	14,372	111	0.8	38	34.2	9.5
39E	4,293	109	2.5	44	40.4	10.9
39G	721	7	1.0	5	71.4	1.2
48A	13,961	116	0.8	10	8.6	2.4
48C	5,561	70	1.3	36	51.4	9.0
48D	2,133	35	1.6	7	20.0	1.8
Totals:	77,726	910	1.2	272	29.9	67.7

Pages K-1 through K-3 of the Church Self-Study Form list the public and private schools as well as other religious denominations which are located within the church neighborhood.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

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Approximately 151 baptized members attend services on an average Sunday at the Memorial Church of St. Paul. These individuals represent 29.6% of the congregation. This attendance average is somewhat low when compared to the usual 45% to 50% attendance average that exists for most congregations throughout the United States. Some innovations are being introduced with a view toward increasing attendance by the members. The service schedule includes a celebration of Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., a Family Service at 9:30 a.m., and a second celebration of Holy Communion at 11:00 a.m. for the first and third Sundays in the month. Morning Prayer is held at this hour on the second and fourth Sundays.

The church school lists an enrollment of 65 students and a staff of 10 persons. The school is in operation nine months and attendance ranged from a low of 26 to a high of 67. Instruction is offered to pre-schoolers through adults. The recruitment, training, and supervision of teaching personnel is handled by the rector. The school's main problems include absenteeism, the loss of students after confirmation, and difficulty in recruiting new students. No vacation church school is held.

The general program of adult education consists of an adult class of eight to 15 members with the rector serving as instructor. The Local Study Group feels that the Christian education program in the congregation can be strengthened through an effective church school.

The level of participation by the adult members of this congregation is somewhat low. Of 201 adult women, 58 are active in the affairs of four organizations. Of 125 adult men, 27 are active in two organizations. 12 men and women cooperate in the activities of one organization. The Church Self-Study Form lists one organization for boys, with an active membership of three persons. The major concern of most of the organizations submitting individual reports is that of increasing membership and the level of participation.

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The financial record included in the Church Self-Study Form shows that of an income of approximately $24,913.36, $8,196.15, or 41.0%, is received through pledges. Computed on an individual basis, the average pledge per communicant amounted to $34.58, which may be compared with the national per communicant pledge of $56.00. Special subscriptions and gifts accounted for 35.8% of the congregation's income. The church lists a debt of $3,000.00, payable from current receipts. An Every Member Canvass is conducted yearly through the mail and personal solicitation. Other means of fund-raising or stewardship education include the occasional uses of tracts and sermons and with items in the congregation's monthly chronicle. The congregation contributes $200.00 annually toward the operating expenses of the priest's car.

The rector reports making an average of 17 calls per week. No formal program of lay pastoral visitation or lay evangelism exists. A Welcoming Committee is always present in church to greet newcomers.

Parish promotion and publicity appear to be from low to normal. There are no church road signs.

The congregation is listed as not being community-minded. The rector participates actively in community affairs. There is no general parish program for the community. The local American Legion Post uses the church's facilities for bingo games. A Community String Band also utilizes the parish house. The congregation cooperates with other religious bodies in its neighborhood. While the rector holds no diocesan or national office, he is very active in meetings and conferences. Participation by the congregation in these programs is minimal.

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The Church Self-Study Form notes that the congregation pays its full Missionary Share or Quota and that approximately 10% of its budget goes for missionary work.

Aside from the rector, paid personnel include a part-time sexton, and a part-time organist. Others volunteer their services.

As far as the future policy, program, and budget are concerned, the Local Study Group lists the need for a divinity school student to work with the rector, a part-time secretary, and modernization and repair of church facilities. The major opportunities facing this congregation include activating its facilities for community use, and more concern and involvement in the affairs of the church neighborhood. The major problem concerns the slow and steady departure of Protestant families from the area. As a result of this Study, the Local Study Group became aware of the need for a neighborhood-related social program.

The Local Study Group is to be commended for its work in the preparation of the data outlined in the Church Self-Study Form.

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PHASE II

CHURCH SELF-STUDY

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL (PHILADELPHIA)

DIOCESAN SELF-STUDY PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 28, 1964

GENERAL DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND FIELD STUDY
Episcopal Church Center
815 Second Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Date September 28, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church Memorial Church of St. Paul

Street 15th & Porter Streets

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? South Philadelphia - from about Snyder Avenue (2100 South) to the U. S. Naval Base, and from about 9th Street to 24th Street.

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II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses ____ Industrial uses ____ Apartment dwellings 10%

Rooming houses ____ Single-home dwellings 80% A college ____ Military uses 10% Other institutions ____

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:
The neighborhood consists mainly of row houses. The apartments are converted row houses. The Philadelphia Naval Base and the Defense Clothing and Supply Center are on the boundaries of the Parish.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:
The neighborhood has been in a state of ethnic change for 40 years. It is now largely Italian Roman Catholic and the change to Italian Roman Catholic continues at a slow pace.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADESCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Stephen Girard	18th and Snyder
Edgar Allen Poe	22nd and Ritner
Bregy	17th and Bigler
Abraham Jenks	13th and Porter
D. Newlin Fell	9th and Oregon

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
Edwin Vare Junior High	24th and Snyder
George C. Thomas Junior High	9th and Johnston
South Philadelphia High	Broad and Snyder

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
St. Monica's (Roman Catholic) (Nursery School)	1615 Porter

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
St. Monica's (R.C.) Grade & Junior High	(16th and Porter (17th and Ritner
St. Richard's (R.C.) Grade & Junior High	19th and Pollock
Epiphany (R.C.) Grade & Junior High	11th and Jackson

*see continuation of above

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
continued * Stella Maris (R.C.) Grade and Junior High	814 Bigler
St. Edmond's (R.C.) Grade and Junior High	21st and Snyder

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES	ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
St. Edmond's Roman Catholic	21st and Snyder
St. Monica's Roman Catholic	17th and Ritner
St. Richard's Roman Catholic	18th and Pollock
Epiphany Roman Catholic	11th and Jackson
Stella Maris Roman Catholic	10th and Bigler
St. Andrew's United Church of Christ	22nd and Snyder
Holy Ghost Greek Catholic	24th and Wolf
Trinity Lutheran	18th and Wolf
Mt. Hermon Methodist	19th and Porter
St. Luke's Methodist	Broad and Jackson
Faith Methodist	22nd and Homestead
Third Baptist	Broad and Ritner
South United Presbyterian	17th and Snyder
Evans Presbyterian	Broad and Moyamensing
Reconciliation Reformed Episcopal	18th and Barbara
Messiah Reformed	13th and Wolf
Epiphany Tabernacle (Adventist)	11th and Snyder
Seventh Day Adventist	Carlisle and Pollock

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

South Philadelphia from Snyder Avenue to Oregon Avenue developed very rapidly between the years of 1898 and 1905 with single-family homes. These homes were two and three-story row dwellings, about 38 homes to the acre. The families were largely of Irish, German, and English background.

In this closely built-up area the Diocese of Pennsylvania established a mission known as St. Paul's Church in 1904 in an existing large building at 15th and Porter Streets. Its growth was rapid and in 1911 it became a parish in union with the Convention of the Diocese. A large church building was opened in 1907, known as the Memorial Church of St. Paul, followed by a large parish building in 1911 which occupied the site of the original building. In such a new community the church school conducted by the parish was a large one of about 300 pupils.

One-half mile to the west of the church a large group of semi-detached row homes was constructed. This area was known as the "Girard Estate". The families living in this community were generally in the middle-income group, and the church drew a substantial part of its membership from this area. The rectory is located in this community. However, today very few of our communicants come from the "Girard Estate".

In 1918 and thereafter the area from Oregon Avenue southward for one-half mile was developed.

The church continued to grow until the year of 1929. That year marked an appreciable influx of Roman Catholic families of Italian origin and the start of a major movement of the original occupants of this area to other areas of the city and the suburbs. The change started at the northern limits of the parish and moved southward until in the year of 1942 the neighborhood had changed to one that was predominantly Roman Catholic and Italian in occupancy and nature.

During the years from 1929 on, the parish has had a gradual decline in membership and activities. However, the membership was bolstered in the years of 1949 to 1951 by the transfer of 76 communicants from the neighboring parish of All Saints, 11th Street and Snyder Avenue, which had suffered from a change in neighborhood and had moved to a location in northeast Philadelphia. The addition of these communicants slowed the decline in number of communicants and for the last seven years it appears that the decline in the number of communicants has halted.

The organizers of the parish and the donors of the church and parish house foresaw the church serving a growing and stabilized community whose families had northern European backgrounds, and planned and built a size of church and parish house building to meet this need. However, neighborhood change has reduced the number of people served by this church to the point where the size of its facilities is far in excess of its present needs.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Church and Parish House on land owned by The Church Foundation of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Land fully developed on three street frontages, (15th Street, Porter Street, Carlisle Street). Size of lot approximately 105'x 185'. Rectory is a two-story brick semi-detached row dwelling located at 2511 S. Lambert Street (about ½ mile from church and parish house). It is owned by the Corporation of the Memorial Church of St. Paul.

2. Type of church building: Frame ____ Brick X Stone ____ Other _____ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

The church building is a large brick Gothic structure with terra cotta trim erected in 1906 as a memorial. The size of the building is such that there are 525 sittings. A chapel is included within the structure of the church with a seating capacity of 75. The building is in fair condition but with a number of improvements needed. The necessary improvements are: organ, $3,000; lighting, $7,000; carpentry work and rehabilitation of steel window mullions, $5,000; glazing and protective screening, $12,000; roofing, $10,000; rehabilitation of interior brickwork and trim, $10,000; heating, $3,000; public footways, $10,000; total, $60,000.

Replacement Value $ 251,000.00 Amount of insurance carried $ 206,000.00

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached X Separated _____;

In basement of the church _____; Frame _____ Brick X

Stone _____ Other _____ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

The parish house is a large two-story structure built in 1911. There are basement facilities for recreational purposes. The first floor contains a large assembly room divisible into three smaller rooms by means of movable sash. Kitchen facilities and Vestry room are on this floor. The second floor has a large auditorium with stage and dressing-room facilities, and includes a balcony. The balcony is divided, and at the rear of the auditorium are three rooms. The Rector's study is on this second floor. Altogether in the parish house there are 23 rooms. Improvements needed and their estimated costs are: painting and glazing, $5,000; roofing, $5,000; pointing of interior brickwork, $5,000; new flooring, $5,000; carpentry work, $5,000; new electrical system with new lighting, $8,000; plumbing, $5,000; heating $2,000; fire safety improvements, $15,000; rearrangement of classrooms to meet teaching needs, $25,000; total, $80,000.

Replacement value $ 166,000.00 Amount of insurance carried $ 132,400.00

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;

Frame ____ Brick X Stone ____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

Semi-detached, 8 rooms and bath. In good condition. Needs plumbing and painting - estimate $1,300.

Is it used as a clergy residence? X If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $ 13,000 Insurance carried: $ 9,000

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

NONE

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 104

Number of individuals not in families 85

2. Baptized membership

1950	1960	Now
860	672	510

Communicants

1950	1960	Now
473	385	237

Church School

1950	1960	Now
98	94	75

	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	108	27	8	25	176
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	19	19	21	18	9

4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families	14	12	3	6	5
By confirmation from other Churches	0	0	1	0	1
By reception from other Churches	0	0	2	1	0
By baptism and confirmation from no church	0	0	0	0	0
Total	14	12	6	7	6

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	125
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	112
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	65
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	61

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 55

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8:00 a.m.	4	12	19
Family Service	9:30 a.m.	57 (eliminated for summer months)	69	81
Morning Prayer (2nd & 4th)	11:00 a.m.	44 (at 9:30 for summer months)	70	100
Holy Communion (1st & 3rd)	11:00 a.m.	57 (" 9:30 " " ")	69	87

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Lenten midweek Communion - Thursday 10:00 a.m.

Lenten midweek Evening Prayer and Sermon - Thursday 8:00 p.m.

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Semi-annual Convocation - Evening Prayer	15
Diocesan Convention - Holy Communion	4
Good Friday - Community Service	50
Thanksgiving (Convocation Service)	5
Lenten Midweek Evening Prayer & Sermon, with Prince of Peace, 22nd and Morris	20

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

Changing family service (9:30) from one Sunday a month to all Sundays.
Adding 2nd Sunday Holy Communion in place of Morning Prayer at late service - Too soon to evaluate.
9:30 Summer service (instead of 10:00) - Seemed to be acceptable to Congregation.

Baptisms conducted as part of regular service - Congregation has received with favor.
Combined service of 9:30 and 11:00 congregations on special occasions - Congregation has received with favor.
Lenten services combined with Price of Peace - The level of attendance was maintained.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? No
   Departed remembered with flowers.
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Very occasionally.
3. Is baby care provided during any service? No

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 10

b. Students 65

Total 75

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 26

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 67

e. Are absentee cards used? Used in Primary Department

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 9

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. _____

2. Worship schedule

CLASS OR DEPARTMENT	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	LEADER
Pre-School	Sunday	9:30	25 min.	Rector
Primary	"	"	" "	"
Main	"	"	" "	"
Adult	"	"	" "	"

Note: On the second Sunday of the month the entire Church School attends 9:30 Holy Communion, with no Church School instruction.

3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
Pre-school & Kindergarten	11	2-5	M/F	Sun.	10:00	30 min.	Episcopal Fellowship Series
First grade	5	6	M/F	"	"	" "	" " "
2nd & 3rd grades	5	7-8	M/F	"	"	" "	Christian Nurture Series
4th grade	6	9-10	M/F	"	"	" "	Episcopal Fellowship Series
5th & 6th grades	7	11-12	M/F	"	"	" "	" " "
7th grade	6	12-13	M/F	"	"	" "	" " "
9th & 10th grades	6	14-15	M	"	"	" "	" " "
11th & 12th " & graduates	5	16-19	F	"	"	" "	" " "
11th & 12th "	4	16-18	M	"	"	" "	Pelouvet's Select Notes International Bible / Lessons
Adult	10	over 21	M/F	"	"	" "	St. Mark's Gospel

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Bible, pictures, handwork, packets, booklets, Prayer Book, Bible Dictionary, and outside books.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Worship, instruction, and handwork.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? Picked by the Rector.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc. One session a month led by the Rector. Training in orientation, practice in lesson planning, Bible Study, etc., etc.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Only as listed above in 4 and 6 b.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less	1	Grade school		one	1
20 to 29	2	Junior high		two	1
30 to 39	3	Senior high	8	three	
40 to 49	1	1 to 3 years College		four	
50 years or more	3	College grad.	1	five	1
		Graduate study	1	6 to 10	3
Male	3			11 to 20	
Female	7	K-12		20 and over	4

7. What problems does the church school have? Absenteeism in one class; keeping children in Church School after Confirmation; between 17 years and 21 years - no class to attend; where to recruit children for Church School.

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? No vacation church school program
2. For how long each day? _____
3. What type of courses are taught? _____
4. How many children attend, usually? _____
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____
6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? No released time program
2. What type of courses are taught? _____
3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?
5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 12 b. How many instruction sessions are held? 10-12 c. How long is each session? 1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is used? Prayer Book - Up to Rector - History of Church

f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material to the regular church school curriculum? Attempt made to correlate

2. Adults

a. How many sessions are held? 10-12 b. How long is each session? 1-1/2 hrs. c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What material is used? Rector's discretion - Prayer Book - Journey in Faith

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation, including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Adult Class	8-15	3 per mo.	40 min.	Rector

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

Washington's Birthday Communion at Prince of Peace - 25

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

NONE

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

Young adult class part of Church School. Use of teaching aids. Teams of teachers in the classes.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 201

2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 4

3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 58

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 125

2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 2

3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 27

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 1

2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 12

D. For Girls in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of girls	7	4	3
2. Number of organizations	0	0	0
3. Total active membership	0	0	0

E. For Boys in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of boys	16	3	9
2. Number of organizations	0	1	0
3. Total active membership	0	3	0

F. For Youth in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Number of organizations	0	0	0
2. Total active membership	0	0	0

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name: Altar Guild of The Memorial Church of St. Paul
15th and Porter Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Total active members 4 Average attendance at meetings No meeting

Number of meetings each month None Day and time of meetings ----

B. Why does this organization exist?
To take care of Altars, Altar vessels and ornaments, the baptismal font, chancel furniture and the Sacristy and to help arrange for services. Laundering of Altar linens and other linens such as purificators, corporals, etc., and the Rector's vestments.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
Women communicants of the Memorial Church of St. Paul.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Training new members.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Ordering, care and distribution of Altar flowers to the sick.
Maintenance of list of contributors of memorial flowers for the Altar.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
A better understanding of the symbolism and practice of the church and a better knowledge of the church calendar.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?
Greater number of members would spread the work load and make our work more effective.

Signed by: Lillian E. Jones Title Representative

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name: Dorcas Society of The Memorial Church of St. Paul
15th and Porter Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Total active members 18 Average attendance at meetings 14

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Mon. 8:00 p.m.

B. Why does this organization exist?
Primarily as a ways and means group to help the Parish financially.
As a social meeting for women.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
Middle aged and elderly women.

D. Describe the worship and educational program.
Meeting is opened with prayer, usually the Lord's Prayer, Collect for Guidance, Collect for Week, Prayer for sick (if any), Benediction.
Educational only insofar as members are kept abreast of activities in the Parish and in some cases the Diocese.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Dinners for bazaars, or other occasions when meals are required, are prepared by this group. The members go out socially as a group about twice a year.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
The major opportunities are to keep older women who live alone occupied in a social and useful capacity.
The main problem is that there is no turnover in officers.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by Anna B Vang Title President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name: Prayer Group of The Memorial Church of St. Paul
15th and Porter Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Total active members 11 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings Tues. 8:00 p.m.

B. Why does this organization exist?
"Worship is the heart of religion.
Prayer is the pulse of life."
We exist to pray for ourselves and for others in any part of the world.
Prayer is a partnership.
"Man's normal way of converting his feelings into action is through words; therefore verbal Prayer is a necessity for us. Our feelings must be converted into action, for freedom involves action and the action of Prayer is the heart and soul of all freedom. Prayer, therefore, is the first duty of the Christian."
(from "Christian Living" by Stephen F. Bayne, Jr.) p. 56.
To be united with others in Prayer strengthens them and us.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
From the normal working, participating group of women who try always to help in church work.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Service is held in the Chapel. It is conducted by one leader, and leaders change at each meeting.
Prayer-list - kept up to date - is read aloud at each meeting. We have a book of prayers - compiled from various sources - and we use, of course, the Book of Common Prayer.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Prayer-list is posted on Church bulletin board so that anyone may add a name at any time. Visits are made to those in "trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity". Cards are sent and religious tracts given out.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
The opportunities are the out-reach of Prayer and the knowledge that others realize that we are praying for them.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?
The coming together of more people, so that our prayers may have wider out-reachings.

Signed by: Grace L. Ridings Title: Chairwoman

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name: Women of The Memorial Church of St. Paul
15th and Porter Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

Total active members 25 Average attendance at meetings 20

Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings 1st Mon. 8:30 p.m.

B. Why does this organization exist? To acquaint the women of the Church with the activities in Diocese, country at large, the world, foreign and domestic missions and the current thinking of the Church on major activities in regard to race, other social problems, town or urban and country in conjunction with active participation in these aspects.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?
Both working women and housewives.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.
Prayers - Church year, special projects, illness, intercession, etc.
Educational - Excerpts from the leading publications - (Episcopalian, Church News, Cathedral Age) - with explanation and discussion.
Films, maps, discussions, reports and outlines on the three major subjects issued for discussion for the current year - namely; South-east Asia, The Urban Church, Gospel of St. Luke.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.
Reports on meetings held in the Church House: Prayer & Worship; Christian Social Relations; Overseas (a talk by the Bishop of India on Second Vatican Council); an entire day at the Baptist Church on the three projects for the year; slides and talk on Denbeigh, and women's activities in improving Denbeigh; World Federalists;, etc.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?
Problems - Night travel; to get delegates to attend meetings.
Opportunities - to spread to every woman of our Parish the desire for participation. Those coming work very hard and cooperate to the fullest.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?
Arouse the feeling that every woman belongs and has a duty to come and cooperate.

Signed by: Susan B Clark Title: Secretary

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name MEN'S GROUP

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings No formal meetings

Number of meetings each month --- Day and time of meetings _____

B. Why does this organization exist?

Our primary concern is the raising of funds and supporting of the other organizations' activities.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? All male Members of the Church.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

As of the present time, we have none

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Primarily, sponsoring of two suppers annually.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

(1) The organization of the young people and how to get their greater participation (2) How to draw into our group other men of the Church.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? We have had two basic suggestions: (1) a larger membership (a quantitative increase); (2) improvement of our activities (a qualitative increase).

Signed by: _____ Title: Chairman Roy J. Walters

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name THE VESTRY

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month one Day and time of meetings Third Sun. of month.

B. Why does this organization exist?

The Vestry is the Board of Directors of the corporation charged with being the executive body of the Church. As an executive body it should respond to the desires of the congregation and advise the congregation on the status of the financial program. It should work with the Rector on the spiritual opportunities in existence in the neighborhood and Church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Members of the Vestry are drawn from the male members of the Church.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

There is no worship and educational program apart from the program of the congregation.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

NONE

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The opportunities of this body are unlimited. Parochial problems related to a changing neighborhood, needed repairs to church plant, and educational program, require a continued discussion and may be solved by full participation in the work associated with their solution.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness? Continual study of local conditions through conferences and meetings to work out the most effective way to reach all people. Active members should have an active part. The preparation of young members for active participation in church activities could be through the formation of a Junior Vestry to educate and prepare them for mature responsibilities. A change in the charter of the Church Corporation which would permit women to serve as vestrymen is considered desirable. The Vestry should meet regularly with representatives from each organization to discuss the general condition of the Church; to make suggestions for improved activities; and to plan how the general program may be fostered by the parish organizations.

Signed by: [illegible] Title: Rector's Warden

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name THE CHOIR

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 8

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Sunday 12:00

B. Why does this organization exist?

To perform the duties of a choir in the services of the Church

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? This is a volunteer group. The members are drawn from interested members of the congregation and Church School.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Weekly rehearsals and services

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

NONE

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Membership affords the opportunity of learning the liturgical music of the Church. Insufficient membership and scanty attendance at rehearsals are problems.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More devoted members would help.

Signed by: Louise Sweeney Title: Organist and Choirmaster

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VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name ACOLYTES

Total active members 3 Average attendance at meetings ---

Number of meetings each month NONE Day and time of meetings ---

B. Why does this organization exist?

To assist the minister in the services of the Church

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

From boys of the Church School.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Learning the ritual of the service

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

NONE

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

The opportunity to train others who might become acolytes.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Training in the procedure of a church service in a Church School class.

Signed by: Vincent Coyle Title: Acolyte

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
Stanley V. Wilcox	29	Sept. 1922 Feb. 1930	St. Paul's, Chester, Pa.
Aubrey C. Gilmore (priest-in-charge)	70	March 1930 Dec. 1930	Retired
Herbert L. Johnson	42	Jan. 1931 Dec. 1935	Grace Church, Everett, Mass
John R. Hart	46	March 1936 Sept. 1936	Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge, Pa. (Vicar)
J. Perry Cox	27	Oct. 1936 Feb. 1938	St. James, Mansfield, Pa.
Thomas Parker	44	May 1938 Feb. 1963	Deceased
James C. Blackburn	29	Sept. 1963	

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 2
Please give details.

John Muller, Jr., entering Virginia Theological Seminary fall of 1964

Joseph O. Gross had been Evangelical and Reformed minister - presented for confirmation at Memorial Church of St. Paul in 1958

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 2

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges $ 8,196.15 (2) Plate offerings $ 689.20 (3) Parish or mission organizations $ 1,630.19 (4) Endowments $ 1,602.14 (5) Special fund drives $ - - - - (6) Other (please specify) $Miscellaneous $281.73 (7) Communion Alms $468.75 (8) Fuel Oil Fund $675.00 (9) Special Subscriptions and Gifts $8,917.55 (10) Missionary Program $2,020.06 (11) Special Purposes $432.59

B. Disbursements	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Year
Total current expenses	6,356.96	6,363.53	9,134.09	9,867.12	12,516.48	14,700.91
Diocesan Assessment	268.69	268.30	323.88	215.82	337.00	369.46
Missionary Disbursements	347,86	905.50	1,632.28	2,330.21	2,496.80	2,603.45
Special parish expense	754.51	830.70	3,006.81	1,229.58	2,660.86	4,950.92
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation a)	2,400.00	2,700.00	3,600.00	4,800.00	6,300.00	5,200.00
b)	---	---	---	---	---	---
from other sources a)	---	---	---	---	---	---
b)	---	---	---	---	---	---

Rental value of the rectory $ 135.00/mo.

Is the church in debt? Yes Amount of debt $ 3,000.00 Method of repayment Current Receipts

Debt reduced from $13,000 to $3,000 in last 5 years.

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? Yes

If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? Both Describe the training of the canvassers. Instructed in methods of in-Church canvass and subsequent follow up.

8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?

None - Occasional uses of tracts and sermons together with items in monthly "Chronicle".

9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-support? This is a self-supporting parish.

10. Additional comments or information on finances:

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation ___ Diocese ___
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting depreciation? $ 800.00 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? By priest
5. How much does the local congregation pay? $200.00
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business 550

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	0	7	20
2. Sick or emergency	0	6	15
3. Calls for other purposes	0	4	10

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

Varies - usually some time each afternoon during week - often at night or on weekends.

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling?

By priority - 1) Sick 2) special problems 3) new people 4) routine call

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

Names come in through Church School or parishioners and contact is made within reasonable time by Rector.

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 1/2

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. None

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

None

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. None

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Welcoming committee is always present at church door; newcomers are called on by the Rector; inquiry is made as to need of church school or other organizations for children. Introduced by Rector to members of the congregation following church services.

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

In 1960 a census was conducted by the Protestant Churches of South Philadelphia - showed 95% of population Roman Catholic, the majority of whom were Italian

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. What use is made of the press? Newspaper advertising

B. What use is made of radio and/or television? Group use is made by Greater Philadelphia Council of Churches

C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Parish Chronicle mailed monthly to all members

D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc.

Same as "C"

E. How many church road signs are there? None

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? No

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs.

The South Philadelphia Ministerium, South Philadelphia Citizens Committee on Human Relations

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

NONE

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

NONE

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Bingo games by American Legion Post

Parish House used as dressing room by Trilby String Band for New Year's Day Mummers Parade

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

South Philadelphia Protestant Church Survey

Good Friday Community Service

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? The Rector holds no such offices. However, he has been involved in the following: Staffs of Province Three Leadership Training Institute; Hood Conference of Human Relations Training; Diocesan Parish Life Conference, Youth Conference, College Conference.

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? NONE

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? None specifically except for on-going programs such as stewardship, leadership training, racial understanding, missionary education, which affect the life of the congregation.

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs:

A few men have attended Diocesan meetings but there is no widespread participation by the men of the Church in Diocesan programs.

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs:

The program of the women of St. Paul's followed closely the suggested Diocesan program for women.

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs:

NONE

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? Yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 10%

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

Rector - James C. Blackburn - $5,200 full time

Sexton - Henry Bernheimer, Jr. - $1,200 part time

Organist - Louis Sweeney - $720 part time

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Secretarial work performed by three members of the congregation.

Minor maintenance tasks performed by five men of the congregation.

Members of the congregation are willing to undertake tasks necessary for their organizational activities.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: A divinity school student working with the Rector.

   Part time secretary working one-half day five days a week.

2. Buildings: Modernization and repair of present plant

3. Equipment: Reconstruction of Parish House in a manner that will provide rooms for Church School instruction and other congregational purposes.

   Parking lot for automobiles for members of the congregation.

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?
To activate the available physical facilities to serve the congregation and the neighborhood. To originate and actively support neighborhood activities related to the religious and social life of the community. To foster understanding of social problems and aid in their solution.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?
The slow, but constant, change in the neighborhood. Protestant families continue to move to the suburbs and are replaced by Roman Catholic families of Italian origin.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?
A neighborhood-related social program. A continuing effort to know and assess church and neighborhood needs and to put into effect methods which will result in the church fulfilling its mission.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

$140,000.00

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

$46,000.00

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

NONE

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

The Diocese could take initial steps to integrate the neighborhood responsibility of the six Protestant Episcopal churches grouped in this section of South Philadelphia by supporting a program having a common source of direction with joint participation by the six churches.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

This Church is a source of growth and replenishment of membership in suburban churches. As its members raised their economic level they have moved to the suburbs. However, many remain in this neighborhood where they have strong ties.

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
The Rev. James C. Blackburn	Rector	1
D. Cortlandt Montgomery	Civil Engineer (retired)	40

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership map submitted by this congregation locates a total of 402 persons who look to the Memorial Church of St. Paul for spiritual guidance. Membership is distributed over a wide area, with 119 persons, representing 29.6% of the membership, concentrated in Census Tract 26E. Other major groups are located in Census Tracts 39D, E, and 48C. There are 32 members who come from out-of-state.

Further details on the membership distribution pattern may be observed in the table on the following page.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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PARISH PHILADELPHIA ST PAULS MEMORIAL

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
D 8	6	15
D 19	4	10
D 27	1	3
D 35	1	3
D 64	2	4
D 72A	2	4
D 99A	2	4
D 98B	2	4
DEL CO UN	3	8
1B	1	3
2B	1	3
21L	3	8
23E	2	4
26C	5	12
26D	1	3
X 26E	119	296
26F	7	18
36D	1	3
36F	1	3
39B	10	24
39C	9	22
39D	38	95
39E	44	109
39F	5	12
39G	5	12
39K	10	24
40B	1	3
40C	2	4
40E	1	3
40F	1	3
41H	3	8
41I	2	4
42A	1	3
42B	1	3
46A	1	3
46H	2	4
48A	10	24
48B	2	4
48C	36	90
48D	7	18
48E	4	10
49E	1	3
50E	1	3
51C	2	4
51E	1	3
51G	1	3
53D	1	3
57C	1	3
59F	1	3
59I	1	3
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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

During the decade between 1950 and 1960, the baptized membership of this congregation decreased by 21.9%, going from 860 persons in 1950 to 672 in 1960. This decreasing trend projected itself into the three-year period between 1961 and 1963, with the greatest decrease occurring between 1962 and 1963. During the same decade, communicant strength decreased by 18.6%, going from 473 communicants in 1950 to 385 in 1960. Communicant strength continued its decline into 1961, increased in 1962, but again decreased in 1963. Church school enrollment followed a similar pattern, decreasing by 4.1% during the decade, going from 98 in 1950 to 94 in 1960. The decrease continued in 1961, was reversed in 1962, but resumed its former trend in 1963.

During the three-year period between 1961 and 1963, 48 persons were baptized at the Memorial Church of St. Paul. These individuals constituted 4.6% of the communicant strength. For purposes of comparison, the South Philadelphia area ratio was also 4.6%, while the county average was 3.7% and the diocesan average 3.9%. During the same three years, 20 persons were confirmed, and these represented 1.9% of the communicant strength. The corresponding average for the area was 2.7%, while the county average was 3.1% and the diocesan average was 4.1%.

The combined total reported expenditures during the three years between 1961 and 1963 amounted to $61,519.00. Of this amount, $7,909.00, or 12.9% of the expenditures, was utilized for extra-parochial purposes. The corresponding area average was 8.1%. The county average was 12.2%, while the diocesan average was 14.2%. Computed on an individual basis, extra-parochial expenditures per communicant amounted to $7.53 as compared with the area average of $3.46.

The corresponding averages for the county and the diocese were $9.57 and $10.45, respectively. Expenditures per communicant amounted to $58.53 in St. Paul's Church. The area average in this category was $42.54, while the county average was $78.57 and the diocesan average was $73.71.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. PAUL TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	726	811	860	847	672	685	677	397
Communicants	399	419	473	464	385	378	384	289
Church School	112	68	98	110	94	68	83	58
Baptisms	13	14	22	29	18	21	18	9
Percentage of Communicants	3.3	3.3	4.7	6.3	4.7	5.6	4.7	3.1
Confirmations	12	18	23	15	12	7	7	6
Percentage of Communicants	3.0	4.3	4.9	3.2	3.1	1.9	1.8	2.1
Parochial Expenditures 1	6,844	6,632	9,458	10,923	13,956	14,620	13.576	14.347
Special Par. Expenditures 2	1,002	831	3,007	1,258	8,351	3,036	2747	5284
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	507	979	1,700	2,317	2,412	2,490	2816	2603
Total Reported Expenditures	8,353	8,442	14,165	14,498	24,719	20,146	19,139	22,234
Expenditures per Communicant	20.93	20.15	29.95	31.25	64.21	53.30	49.84	76.93
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.27	2.34	3.59	4.99	6.26	6.59	7.33	9.01

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

The following paragraphs are intended to highlight the sections of the Episcopal Census which had the largest responses.

A total of 446 persons is tabulated on the age and sex chart of the census. Of this number, 198, or 44.4%, were male and 248, or 55.6%, were female. Children 14 years of age and under comprised 20.6% of the respondents. Adults 65 years of age and over made up 16.4%. Because of the high percentage of persons in this category, the congregation might wish to investigate opportunities for a specialized ministry to these individuals.

There were 460 persons who reported on their occupations. Of this number, 288 were not gainfully employed: 30 were pre-students, 83 were students, 127 were housewives, 44 were retired, and four were unemployed. Of the 172 persons gainfully employed, clerical workers comprised the largest group with 44, followed by craftsmen with 37, and by professionals with 29. The gainfully employed persons represented 37.4% of the census respondents, and this compares favorably with the 35% average that exists for most congregations in the Episcopal Church.

Of 451 respondents, 447 were baptized and four were not. In addition, 265 respondents were communicants and 186 were not. This latter group should offer much opportunity for the extension of evangelism by this congregation.

A total of 268 persons reported on their length of membership in this congregation. Of this number, 37 have been members less than five years, 45 have been members from five to nine years, 41 from 10 to 14 years, 48 from 15 to 19 years, and 151 have been members 20 years or more.

There were 310 persons who reported on their educational status. Of this group, 19 were college graduates, 17 had received from one to three years of college training, 107 were high school graduates, 96 had received from one to three years of high school training, 69 had received from five to eight years of elementary education, and two had received no formal education.

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Of 462 respondents, 442 were born within the United States and 20 were not. In addition, there were 390 persons who were born within the State of Pennsylvania.

Of 322 respondents reporting on their nationality background, 219 were Anglo-Saxon, 76 were Northern European, 23 were Southern European, one was Russian-Slavic, two were Spanish-American, and one was East Indian.

Other areas of the census are summarized in the charts and graphs on the following pages.

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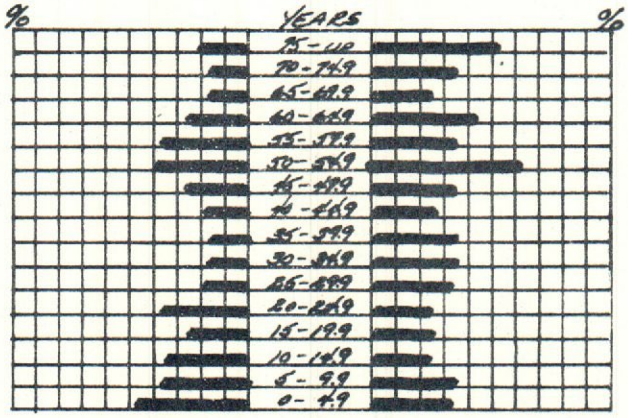
AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION — TOTAL NUMBER REPORTING 505



MALE NUMBER	MALE PERCENT	AGE GROUP IN YEARS	FEMALE PERCENT	FEMALE NUMBER
9	2.0	75-up	5.2	23
6	1.3	70-74.9	3.8	17
7	1.6	65-69.9	2.5	11
11	2.5	60-64.9	4.3	19
17	3.8	55-59.9	3.6	16
18	4.0	50-54.9	6.3	28
13	2.9	45-49.9	3.8	17
9	2.0	40-44.9	2.9	13
8	1.8	35-39.9	3.8	17
15	3.4	30-34.9	1.8	8
9	2.0	25-29.9	3.1	14
16	3.6	20-24.9	3.5	11
16	2.2	15-19.9	2.7	12
14	3.1	10-14.9	2.7	12
16	3.6	5-9.9	3.6	16
20	4.5	0-4.9	3.1	14
		TOTALS		

AGE GROUPS — TOTAL NO. REP.

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
92	20.6	14-under	
332	74.5	20-over	
73	16.4	65-over	

BAPTIZED — TOTAL NO. REP. 451

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
447	99.2	Yes	
4	.8	No	

CONFIRMED — TOTAL NO. REP. 451

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
265	58.8	Yes	
186	41.2	No	

CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. St. Pauls P-79

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 268

No.	%	Years
37	14.0	0-4.9
45	17.0	5-9.9
41	15.5	10-14.9
48	18.1	15-19.9
27	10.0	20-24.9
70	25.9	25-Over

NON-EPISCOPALIAN: BELONG TO WHAT CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 87

No.	%	Denomination
3	3.5	Baptist
6	7.0	Lutheran
6	7.0	Methodist
5	5.8	Presbyterian
66	75.5	Roman Cath.
		Hebrew
1	1.2	Quaker

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO: — TOTAL NO. REP. 16

No.	%	Denomination
		Baptist
1	6.4	Lutheran
2	12.6	Methodist
		Presbyterian
12	74.6	Roman Cath.
		Hebrew
1	6.4	Brethren

CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. St. Pauls P-79

OCCUPATION — TOTAL NO. REP.

No.	%	Class
30	6.5	PRE-STUDENT
83	18.1	STUDENTS
127	27.6	HOUSEWIVES
4	.9	UNEMPLOYED
44	9.6	RETIRED
29	6.3	PROFESSIONAL
1	.2	FARM MANAGER
7	1.5	MANAGERS
44	9.6	CLERICAL
12	2.6	SALES
37	8.0	CRAFTSMEN
13	2.8	SEMI-SKILLED
1	.2	DOMESTIC
19	4.1	SERVICE
		FARM LABOR
3	.7	LABORERS
6	1.3	MILITARY

EDUCATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 310

No.	%	College
19	6.2	4 OR MORE
17	5.5	1-3
		HIGH SCHOOL
107	34.4	4
96	30.9	1-3
		ELEMENTARY
69	22.3	5-8
		1-4
2	.7	NONE

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME — TOTAL NO. REP. 79

No.	%	Children
30	38.0	ONE
26	33.0	TWO
16	20.2	THREE
5	6.3	FOUR
2	2.5	MORE

BORN THIS STATE — TOTAL NO. REP. 462

No.	%	
390	84.4	YES
72	15.6	NO

BORN IN U.S.A. — TOTAL NO. REP. 462

No.	%	
442	95.7	YES
20	4.3	NO

CHURCH NAME & REF. NO. St. Pauls P-79 S-119

DISTANCE FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 180

No.	%	MILES
120	66.7	1 OR LESS
23	12.8	1 - 1.9
2	1.1	2 - 2.9
2	1.1	3 - 3.9
33	18.3	4 OR MORE

TIME FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 178

No.	%	MINUTES
48	27.0	10 OR LESS
90	50.0	10 - 19
17	9.5	20 - 29
23	12.9	30 OR MORE

HOME OWNERS — TOTAL NO. REP. 174

No.	%	
117	67.2	YES
57	32.8	NO

RESIDENCE BUILT — TOTAL NO. REP. 163

No.	%	YEAR
9	5.5	1960 - PRESENT
12	7.4	1950 - 1959
9	5.5	1940 - 1949
9	5.5	1930 - 1939
36	22.1	1920 - 1929
72	44.2	1900 - 1919
16	9.8	1899 BEFORE

TYPE OF DWELLING — TOTAL NO. REP. 177

No.	%	CLASS
150	84.7	SINGLE
7	4.0	DUPLEX
15	8.5	APT. HOUSE
		HOTEL
2	1.1	ROOM HOUSE
2	1.1	INSTITUTION
1	.6	TRAILER

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

MEMORIAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Located in South Philadelphia, the Memorial Church of St. Paul ministers to an area that has been undergoing ethnic changes for a number of years. In essence, the changes have been characterized by the influx of Roman Catholic families, predominantly of Italian descent, and an outflow of Protestant families to other areas in the city and to the suburbs. The slow but steady departure of Protestants has had an adverse affect on the congregation of St. Paul's.

In the decade between 1950 and 1960, baptized membership in this congregation decreased by 21.9%. Communicant strength suffered a decrease of 18.6%. Church school enrollment, likewise, decreased by 4.1% during the same decade. The decrease in these three areas continued to project itself into the three-year period between 1961 and 1963. Despite these losses, the congregation has not been disheartened, and has taken on new hope concerning the existence of the church for the future. The Church Self-Study Form notes that slight increases have occurred in the three categories in 1964, mainly as a result of the efforts of the incumbent rector.

At the time of the visitation meeting, much concern was voiced over the current state of affairs in the church, and the members present indicated a willingness to undertake a common effort aimed at restoring the church to its former effectiveness. In view of the fact that there exists a definite need for the ministry of the church in this area, the General Division of Research and Field Study makes the following recommendations:

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The leadership of the congregation of the Memorial Church of St. Paul is urged to participate actively in the deliberations aimed at establishing greater cooperation among Episcopal churches in this area.

The local congregation might wish to establish committees to work in the areas of the church school, adult education, lay evangelism and recruitment, stewardship, youth activities, and public relations. A special committee on church buildings might also be organized.

The committee on the church school might have the responsibility for increasing the enrollment, recruiting teachers, and providing for adequate training and supervision of teaching personnel. An effective committee will certainly relieve the rector of the responsibility for recruitment and training. Quite possibly, a coordinated teacher-training program could result from the joint efforts of the Episcopal churches. As a matter of fact, this joint cooperation might lead to the centralizing of all intensive leadership training courses, thus developing the type of lay leadership which is a necessity in the execution of any program initiated by a local congregation. Qualified lay leadership will certainly assist the clergy in their efforts to develop and extend the level of personal involvement and commitment within congregations.

In view of the present financial situation in this congregation,a year-round program of stewardship education should be undertaken. From statistics compiled for this Study, it is noted that pledges by the congregation of St. Paul's Church amount to approximately 41.0% of the income. An additional 35.8% is received as a result of special subscriptions and gifts. In view of the cost involved in maintaining the present plant, which is certainly much larger than current needs demand, the level of giving should be increased, thus minimizing the reliance on fund-raising projects and special appeals.

The concept of stewardship as an act of worship and sacrifice should be emphasized at all times.

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The committee on lay evangelism and recruitment might wish to consider the division of the parish area into zones or units in order to execute its program. At the time of the visitation meeting, the rector appeared to be inclined towards the establishment of these areas in an attempt to rebuild the strength of the congregation.

The General Division of Research and Field Study commends the leadership of this congregation for its efforts in securing the data submitted for this Study. These individuals, as well as the congregation-at-large, are encouraged to cooperate with their rector in the execution of any program designed to increase the effectiveness of the ministry of the Church in this area.